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*Priority*

Routing Form

Doc. No.:

*Quat 542*

Date:

*13 May '54*

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TO:

FROM

DATE

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM  
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**2003**

(C/FI) - *upon his return.*

C/EM - *This is first I've heard about paratroopers - do we have any info for confirmation, if so, how many?*

*Note troop movement into area where your arms moving! Advise Ontrich.*

C/EW - *Prepare cable re BEL's on paratroopers, check ref given for spotting 25's - see it adequate info available.*

C/BO - *Exploit rumor tension between two army units.*

[ ] - *Incident died down*  
[ ] *the meantime.*

*24 May*

*Do not believe Paratroopers were trained in Beirut - also -*

*This was discovered in CEW's incoming box. Upon checking, no cable has left LINCOLN on this subject. Info will be incorporated in OB.*

*[ ] May 24*

*Gerry*

*Pls. file in Grid BG.*

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INCOMING CABLE

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LINCOLN STATION COPY

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TO: LINCOLN

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

FROM: GUATEMALA

TOR: 1229Z 13 MAY 54

INFO: DIRECTOR

GUAT 542

TO: SLINC INFO: DIR CITE: SGUAT

RYBAT PBSUCCESS

1. 30 PARATROOPS SENT BY PLANE 9 MAY TO CHIQUIMULA. 200 INFANTRY TROOPS SENT BY PLANE TO ZACAPA BETWEEN MAY 9 AND 11. ALL TROOPS TAKEN FROM GUARDIA DE HONOR AND BASE MILITAR. SOURCE: ESCHER, ESSENCE. B 2. *cf* *cf* *BC*

2. ESSENCE REPORTS BASE MILITAR ON ALERT STATUS; THAT BASE SURROUNDED WITH ARTILLERY PIECES; THAT 3 75S MOUNTED NEAR GUARDIA DE CONTROL AND SALA DE VISITAS; THAT WORD SPREAD THROUGH BASE MILITAR NIGHT 9 MAY THAT TROOPS FROM GUARDIA DE HONOR PREPARING ATTACK AGAINST BASE MILITAR.

3. ODIBEX ATTACHE ADVISES IT VERY PROBABLE BOTH GUARDIA DE HONOR AND BASE MILITAR HAVE BEEN ON ALERT STATUS FOR SEVERAL DAYS; THAT ALERT STATUS MEANS RESTRICTING TO QUARTERS MAJORITY OFFICERS MEN AND ISSUANCE 100 ROUNDS AMMO EACH MAN; THAT THIS VERY COMMON AND ALERT STATUS CALLED FREQUENTLY. DISCOUNTS REPORT BASE SURROUNDED WITH ARTILLERY AND POINTS OUT BASE MILITAR HAS ALWAYS HAD 8 75S SPOTTED AT STRATEGIC POINTS (SEE OUR HGGA 939 PARA 5).

4. RUMOR OF ATTACK AGAINST BASE MILITAR INDICATIVE OF TENSION WHICH APPARENTLY INCREASING.

END OF MESSAGE

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